

Amendment to the Claims:

1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) A water treatment apparatus comprising: at least one airtight tank having a raw water inlet and a treated water outlet, wherein the airtight tank is always filled with water and sealed at its lower part with a separating wall that is always soaked in level adjustment water.

16. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the separating wall is connected to the interior surface of the tank and divides said tank into a first chamber and a second chamber and in which the separating wall moves within said tank responsive to the water level in the second chamber to control the water level of the first chamber.

17. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the tank comprises at least one inlet and one outlet fitted on the second chamber for water level adjustment.

18. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the separating wall is formed of a multangular shaped or circular shaped separating wall panel and a flexible sheet.

19. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the flexible sheet is connected to the separating wall panel and the interior surface of the tank.

20. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 15 which comprises a stirring device which is disposed inside said tank.

21. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 15 wherein a floatation adjustment bag is fitted to the separating wall.

22. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a floatation adjustment bag is fitted to the separating wall.

23. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a means for supplying and removing air from said floatation adjustment bag.

24. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 16 farther comprising a plurality of airtight tanks.

25. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the second chambers of each of the tanks are linked such that water can flow between the second chambers of the tanks.

26. (New) A water treatment apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the first chambers are linked to a storage tank.